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Interview with Dr. W. A. Wood, Waco, Texas

Dr. James C. J. King, M. D., White Pioneer, (Waco)

“James C. J. King, (deceased), was born in Wilson County, Tennessee, March 4, 1842, son of Adam C. King, a native of Tennessee, and a prominent business man. In 1846, his father settled in Washington County, Texas, remaining only a short time when he moved to Crockett. At the latter place the subject of our sketch spent his boyhood days and received a good common school education.

In April 1861, young King left the school room and entered the Confederate service as a member of Company A, Second Texas Cavalry, Trans-Mississippi Department. He was first mustered at San Antonio, in the state troops. His first service was in the campaign to

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Arizona and New Mexico, where he spent one year, being in Texas and Louisiana during the remainder of the war.

After the surrender he went to Henderson County, and taught school one term and afterwards went to Milford, Ellis County, Texas where he attended school eleven months, and then began reading medicine with Dr. W. E. Buie of Milford. He then took a medical course at Tulane University, New Orleans, graduating in 1871. He began the practice of medicine in Milford, but located in Waco in November of that same year, where he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession, having met with eminent success.

He was one of the leading physicians of the city, and was held in high esteem as an able careful and successful physician. C[?]12 - Tex 2 He was a member of the Waco Medical Association, the Central Texas Medical Association, and the State Medical Association./ Of the first named he has served as president, and of the last as first vice president.

He was a member of the K of H, A. L. of H. of the Knights of the Maccabees, and of Pat Cleburne Camp of Confederate Veterans. He was medical examiner of the two former and surgeon of the camp; was also medical examiner for the Provident Life Insurance Company, of New York, and local surgeon of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company.

Dr. King was married in Milford, March 3, 1868 to Mrs. Bettie L. T. Zollicoffer, a native of Tennessee. They have five children, four sons and one daughter; Rosa; James C. J. Jr.; William E. B.; Lacy H.; and Collins T. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder. The doctor's father was a resident of Ennis, this state, his mother having passed away in 1864.

Dr. James C. J. King passed away in Waco, Texas, March 21, 1906."